Special Project on Indian Economy

1335. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has undertaken a special project to study the recent international developments and their impact on the Indian economy with a view to suggesting corrective measures; and

(b) if so, the details of the specific studies undertaken so far, the conclusions drawn and the corrective measures, suggested, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Planning Commission has not undertaken any special project to study the recent international developments and their impact on the Indian economy with a view to suggesting corrective measures.

(b) Does not arise.

Identification of Persons Living Below Poverty Line

1336. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI CM. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether following over 20 starvation deaths in Orissa, the Apex Court had taken note of the fact that the population living Below Poverty Line in different States, district-wise, had not yet been identified.

(b) if so, whether such population (BPL) has since been identified; if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the reasons for a considerable delay in such identification, after the scheme for special PDS for BPL people was introduced; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach those for whom it was intended to in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN):